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1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL
WHICH REQUESTED DETAILS OF GOVERNMENT PURCHASING AGENCIES.

2. THE PURCHASING DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE
SERVICES (DAS) IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPING AUSTRALIAN
GOVERNMENT PURCHASING POLICIES. DAS COMES UNDER THE DIRECT
CONTROL OF THE GOA THROUGH THE MINISTER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE
SERVICES. DAS IS ALSO NOMINALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR PROCUREMENT
AND PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES REQUIRED FOR GOA. HOWEVER,
EXERCISE OF THIS LATTER RESPONSIBILITY HAS NOT BEEN INSISTED
UPON, AND MOST GOA DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES BY PREFERENCE
CONTINUE TO DO AT LEAST SOME OF THIER OWN PURCHASING. HOWEVER,
IT IS THE PRESENT INTENTION OF THE GOA THAT DAS SHOULD
EVENTUALLY ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL GOA PURCHASES.

3. LISTED BELOW ARE OTHER GOA AGENCIES WHICH COULD BE
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TERMED "BIG BUYERS" AND WHICH, BECAUSE OF THE VALUE AND
TYPE OF PURCHASES, COULD BE COVERED BY THE CODE. ALL
ARE DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO THE GOA THROUGH A MINISTER.
(A) REPRESENTS THOSE AGENCIES FALLING WITHIN THE FIRST
CATEGORY OF PARA 3 REFTEL; AND (B) ARE THOSE AGENCIES
FALLING WITHIN THE SECOND CATEGORY OF PARA 3 REFTEL.
ALTHOUGH WE KNOW OF NO AUSTRALIAN AUTHORITIES WHICH

WOULD FALL WITHIN THE THIRD CATEGORY, SEE PARA 4 FOR PURCHASING BY AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES. WHERE IT IS NOT OBVIOUS FROM THE TITLE OF THE AGENCY, WE HAVE INCLUDED A SHORT DESCRIPTION OF TYPICAL PRODUCTS PURCHASED BY THAT AGENCY.

(A) DEPT. OF DEFENCE

DEPT. OF CONSTRUCTION (EARTH MOVING, HEAVY EQPT)

DEPT. OF TRANSPORT

DEPT. OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (HOSPITAL, HEALTH MEDICAL EQPT.)

DEPT. OF CAPITAL TERRITORY (DCT RESPONSIBLE FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY - PURCHASES INCLUDE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY EQPT. TRANSPORT EQPT. HEAVY EQPT.)

(B) TELECOM AUSTRALIA (TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQPT.)

OVERSEAS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

QANTAS (AIRCRAFT, AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE EQPT.)

AUSTRALIA POST (POSTAL AND COMMUNICATIONS EQPT.)

AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING COMMISSION (RADIO AND TV BROADCASTING EQPT.)

COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH ORGANIZATION

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL AIRLINES COMMISSION (AIRCRAFT AND AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE EQPT.)

AUSTRALIAN SHIPPING COMMISSION

SNOWY MOUNTAINS HYDRO-ELECTRIC AUTHORITY

PIPELINE AUTHORITY (PRODUCTS ASSOCIATED WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRODUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF PIPELINES FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF NATURAL GAS, ETC.).

4. UNIVERSITIES IN AUSTRALIA ARE JOINTLY FUNDED BY FEDERAL AND APPROPRIATE STATE GOVERNMENTS. ALTHOUGH THEIR PURCHASES ARE NOT DIRECTLY CONTROLLED BY GOA, A FEDERAL MINISTER GENERALLY SITS ON THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE PARTICULAR UNIVERSITY. MAJOR UNIVERSITIES IN TERMS OF PURCHASES ARE: AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY; UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES; SYDNEY UNIVERSITY; AND MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY.
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